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the use of rabbit eye testing being used as a standard since it is a 1913 test seems curiously outdated for 2007. the use of animals for these tests started in medieval times - about 1500 a.d. one has to wonder why civilization has not advanced from a 1500 a.d. method to something more reliable.

in the first place, animal eyes are not human eyes and the necessity is to find out the impact from chemicals on human eyes. human eyes should be used. they can be obtained. it is time the chemical companies stop getting away with the murder and torture of animals when their eyes are not human eyes and do not give the same test results at all. no animal eyes should be used for chemical toxicity tests for the effect on human eyes. this agency has been letting chemical profiteers get away with murder.

we need tests that are reliable, current and not torture for any living or dead animal or bird.  
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